

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes – “Special” Meeting

23, January 2012 7:00 PM Kibbe Fuller Community Center

Call to Order – 7:15 pm

Audience

- a. Members - Jeff Jablonski, Lou Stetson, Karen McGuane, Karen Murdoch, Steve Woicik
- b. Non-Members - Elaine Beebe SLA, Todd Roland DPW, Monique Andrade SSA, Mark Lorenzi SSA, Bill Conley SSA, Linda Coleman Somers Human Services Div., Amy Saada Dept. Human Services, Stefanie Gershowitz Somers Softball, Jay Gershowitz Somers Softball, Tom Hayowyk SSA, Alan Walker Somers High School, Colleen Regan Somers High School, Jenna Jablonski Somers High School, Kevin McGuane SBA, Judy MacLeod Somers LL, Bruce Urbon DPW, Kevin Foye Somers LAX, Mark Murdoch Somers LAX

Sports Organization Spring Schedule Review:

Understanding What every sports needs for field requirements.
There are approx. 1700 kids involved with town sports.

- Soccer = 255 kids between rec and travel in the spring.

Practice 5 nights during the week. Games are weekends only.
Same schedule in the fall but more like 400 kids in the fall.
No summer schedule.

- LAX= 230 kids and growing at the rate of 5% a year for spring.

Hosts Bauer Tourney 1st weekend in June has approx 160 Teams come in for the weekend.
Adult league rents fields in the summer.
Fall has 40 kids 1 day a week practice and games on Saturday.

- Ponytail Softball= 130-145 girls
- Sokol Road Fields Mon - Fri 5pm - 8pm Sat 8am - 3pm Sun 8am - 3pm.
 - Instructional teams 2/3 teams 2 - 3 days a week program.
 - Rookie Teams 2/3 teams 3 day a week program.
- Field Road Fields:
 - Mon - Fri 5pm - 8pm Sat 8am - 8pm Sun 8am - 5pm or until coed softball needs fields 1 and 3.
 - 4 Minor teams - 3 day a week program
 - 2 major teams - 3-4 days a week
 - 1 senior 4 to 5 days
- Baseball = 175 to 190 kids ages 4 – 14. April 1 – July for regular season & All Stars. 20 teams in the spring and 3 summer teams. Fall games (approx. 3 teams) are played in Enfield.
- Flag football = 4 minor teams and 3 major teams. Tues - Fri games Sept- Oct.

Field preparation discussion for 2012:

- Discussed The maintenance of the MBA field.

DPW will be helping in the mowing of those fields and the up keep.

This should resolve the issue which we had last spring.

It was also told by the board to all in attendance if inclement weather should occur and fields are not opened on April 1. DPW will let us know when they will be ready for use.

It was also stated that each Sports organization will have a rep who sends emails to the rec commision so as we do not have instances of multiple people emailing on the same issues and asking the same questions.

DPW = Has 1 new person to help Bruce from the hwy dept. with MBA fields.

They mentioned they would like to be able to rest a soccer / LAX field for 1 yr. It was discussed that removing the brush along the field by the brook at MBA would give an extra 30 feet of playing area.

Todd from DPW stated that there will be constuction to widen the intersection of 190 and 9th district starting this Summer. This could hamper parking at the firehouse fields.

Need gym requests returned to the requesting parties by the schools in a timely matter. Need everyone to know the correct process as to how a request gets submitted. Discussed creating a request process by month. Requests would be due 2 weeks prior to start of the next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.